

Arts & Culture Support Service

Supporting, promoting and celebrating arts and culture.

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Integrate Art Society Festival, installation of 'Love Begets Love' by Gabrielle Odowichuk and Marie Specht at Flux Media Gallery photo by Camille O'Sullivan

Residents of the capital region have access to thousands of affordable arts and culture events. The CRD invests in non-profit organizations that produce these events and programs through the Arts & Culture Support Service.



Did you Know?

- ▶ Local municipalities have collaborated on arts funding since 1960.
- ▶ The Arts & Culture Support Service was established in 2001.
- ▶ The community-driven Arts Strategic Plan was adopted in 2017.

Point of Contact, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria installation of a traditional whaler's Nuu-chah-nulth longhouse by Hjalmer Wenstob

A Regional Approach

Funding is provided by the jurisdictions that participate in the Arts & Culture Support Service. The participants are: Saanich, Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, View Royal, Highlands, Metchosin, Sooke and Southern Gulf Islands. A shared service model enables effective support of arts and culture across the region by providing:

- ▶ **Regional oversight** of arts policies and budgets through the Arts Commission made up of one councillor from each participating jurisdiction.
- ▶ **Funding** for significant artistic institutions and events that sustain the cultural capital of the region.
- ▶ **Unbiased adjudication** processes for funding programs through the volunteer, citizen Arts Advisory Council.
- ▶ **Centralized administration** with consistent, accessible information and processes for non-profit organizations.
- ▶ **Equal opportunities** for residents to participate in the arts.



Latin American & Spanish Film Week, Hispanic Film Society of Victoria
photo of director Natalia Beristáin by Dan Russek

Arts & Culture Funding

The CRD Arts & Culture Support Service provides grants to non-profit organizations. By supporting, promoting and celebrating the arts, the CRD contributes to the development of a healthy, livable and vibrant community.

- ▶ **Operating Grants**
provide annual financial assistance to established arts organizations.
- ▶ **Projects, Series and Extended Programming Grants**
support emerging or established arts organizations for new, recurring or developmental initiatives.
- ▶ **IDEA Grants**
support projects by non-arts mandated organizations using arts programming to provide benefits to the community.
- ▶ **Equity Grants**
support arts initiatives by applicants from communities at risk of exclusion.
- ▶ **Incubator Grants**
support the development of arts organizations and facilitates their sustainability.

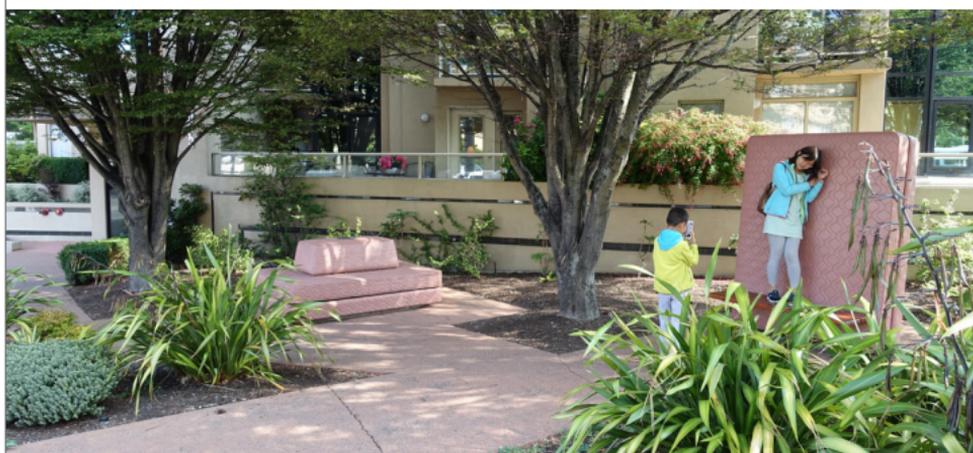
Grant guidelines are available
on the CRD website:
www.crd.bc.ca/service/arts-funding



Instrument Petting Zoo, Victoria Symphony Orchestra photo by Hugo Wong

Explore Regional Arts

The CRD maintains a searchable database of the arts and culture organizations funded in the past two years with links to current programming and event calendars. Visit the Arts & Culture section of www.crd.bc.ca.



Night is for Sleeping, Day is for Resting, Victoria sculpture by Mowry Baden

LandMarks Public Art

LandMarks Public Art website is an inventory of over 100 public art pieces across the capital region. Navigate through the list of artworks to find public art by location or by specific artists and media and create a self-guided tour.

Create a self-guided public art tour on the LandMarks public art website:
www.landmarkspublicart.ca

Increasing Access

The Arts & Culture Support Service is increasing access to arts funding through a range of programs and outreach. Funded organizations produce arts and cultural activities for many audiences. Examples of funded organizations focused on fostering inclusion, diversity and equity are:



Embrace Arts Foundation

received a Project Grant to present a mixed ability movement piece with original music and poetry exploring ideas of transformation, community, and mental health.



Puente Theatre Society

received annual Operating Grants for their work using theatre to bridge cultures. The Society explores social issues related to race and provides opportunities for immigrant artists



Victoria Native Friendship Centre

received an Equity grant to host workshops on creating regalia and painting cedar paddles. The grant also provided support to Indigenous arts practitioners and Elders.

See a list of funded organizations and what they do under 'Funding Recipients':
www.crd.bc.ca/service/arts-funding



One Region – the Collaboration Effect, CRD Arts Champions Summit
photo by Kirk Schwartz

Building our Arts Future Together

Community outreach programs support public participation in regional arts and culture development.

- ▶ **Capacity building events and information sessions** provide a forum for skill-building and networking for the arts and culture sector. Event details can be found in the CRD online community events calendar.
- ▶ **Arts impacts, news and profile reports** present the facts and figures of the value of regional arts and culture in accessible formats. Sign up for the e-newsletter for articles and infographics online.

More information

www.crd.bc.ca/service/arts-funding/building-our-arts-future



Making a difference...together

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